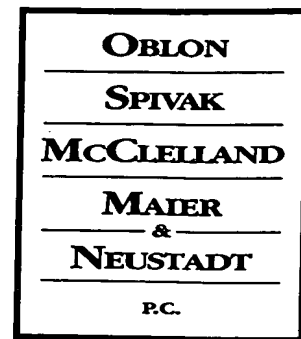




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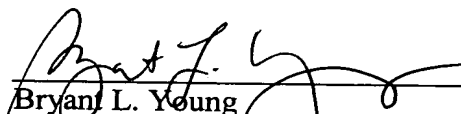
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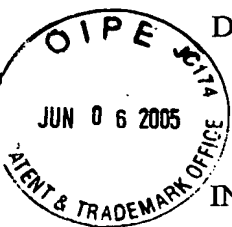
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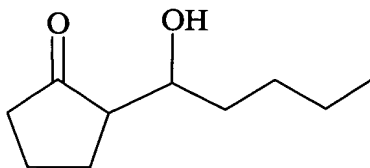
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In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed May 6, 2005, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-5, drawn to a process of making 2-(1-hydroxyalkyl)cycloalkanone and/or its 1-hydroxyaryl derivative.

As a single disclosed species, Applicants provisionally elect 2- (1-hydroxyalkyl)cycloalkanone of formula (3), in which n is 1 and R1 has 4 carbon atoms. The species is represented by the following structure:



Claims 1-5 are readable thereon.

Applicant requests that if the elected species is found allowable the Examiner expand the search to non-elected species.